

**City of Milton-Freewater  
City Council Minutes**

The Council of the City of Milton-Freewater met Monday, October 10, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Albee Room of the Library.

The following members were present: Mayor Lewis Key, Councilors Orrin Lyon, Ed Chesnut, Sam Hopkins-Hubbard, Brad Humbert and Steve Irving.

Councilor Jeff Anliker was absent.

Staff members present were: City Manager Linda Hall, City Recorder Leanne Steadman, Public Works Superintendent Dave Bradshaw and Fire Chief Shane Garner.

Citizens present were: Jim Reger, Tara Patten and Steven Patten.

Press member Melanie Hall of the Valley Herald was also present.

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:**

The consent calendar items consisted of council minutes from the September 26, 2011 meeting and accounts payables from September 22, 2011 through October 4, 2011.

Councilor Chesnut motioned to approve the consent calendar items. Councilor Lyon seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**PRESENTATION:**

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW MILTON-FREEWATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT**

Jim Reger, Milton-Freewater Unified School District Interim Superintendent, introduced himself to the council and thanked the city for helping with the installation of poles and netting for the soccer field at Central Middle School. He also brought a request from the School Board to hold joint work sessions with the City Council possibly on a quarterly basis. Mr. Reger suggested he and City Manager Hall could jointly work on an agenda for the meetings.

Mayor Key thanked Mr. Reger for coming to the meeting and introducing himself to the council.

Councilor Irving expressed his appreciation to Mr. Reger for passing out youth representative applications for vacancies on the city committees.

Mr. Reger felt it was a great opportunity for students and was interested in the appointments to the committees.

**RECOGNITION – OCTOBER 2011 EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH – DAVID  
BRADSHAW, PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT**

Councilor Chesnut presented David Bradshaw, Public Works Superintendent, with the October 2011 employee of the month award. Dave has been with the city for 22 years, all of which have been served in the public works utilities. He was promoted to lead the department in 2006. He oversees the day to day operations of the water, sewer, solid waste utilities as well as stormwater, parks and recreational programs and the public building maintenance programs. He has also been

overseeing nearly \$3 million dollars of street and pedestrian improvement projects this summer along with overseeing his utilities portion of the Smart Grid automated water system upgrade.

Dave said he had great staff that helps make it all possible along with the support of the manager and council.

Manager Hall commended Mr. Bradshaw for his hard work, going above and beyond efforts and for taking such pride in his work.

Councilor Hopkins-Hubbard said he knows that the public works staff are all very busy with the many projects going on but said he appreciated the quick responses to his calls.

Manager Hall suggested having a ribbon cutting ceremony when all the construction jobs were completed.

### **“HOW DO WE DO THAT?” EMPLOYEE PRESENTATION – HOW FIREFIGHTERS MANAGE AN INCIDENT / FIRE SCENE**

Manager Hall has created what will be a new series of presentations that will be given by staff at council meetings to give council and citizens a better understanding of how things are done at the city. Fire Chief Shane Garner volunteered to be the first to present how firefighters manage an incident/fire scene. His presentation began with the history of firefighting and concluded with the steps the fire department takes once a fire call has been received. He also had on hand some of the earlier firefighter's personal protective equipment and some examples of the equipment they use today. There are currently 23 volunteers on the fire department along with the fire chief.

Councilor Irving thanked Chief Garner for all he and his department does for the city.

Councilor Hopkins-Hubbard, who is a volunteer firefighter, said the city was very fortunate to have Shane Garner as the Fire Chief.

Manager Hall also expressed her gratitude for the great job Chief Garner does in protecting the city.

### **BUSINESS ITEMS: APPOINTMENTS OF YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES TO COMMITTEE VACANCIES**

Council interviewed three out of five students who are interested in serving as a youth representative on the city's committees at their September 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. They were very impressed with all the candidates and had a very difficult decision to make as to who they were going to choose as the Council and Planning Commission Youth Representatives.

Manager Hall reported Councilor Anliker's request that she received earlier in the day as he could not attend the meeting that he preferred Micaela Epifanio to be the council youth representative.

Councilor Humbert suggested having one youth serve the first half of the term and the other youth serve the second half of the term and when they were not serving for the council they could serve on the Library Board.

Manager Hall explained that both applicants were seniors this year and if they were to split the council youth position there was no guarantee they would continue to serve after they graduate. She explained that she was going to give all three applicants the same orientation which was a great deal of training.

Councilor Chesnut expressed his concern of splitting the council position and how that would affect the scholarship.

Manager Hall felt that all three candidates were very impressive and she was going to suggest to council that all three receive a scholarship.

After much debate, Councilor Hopkins-Hubbard motioned to appoint Yasmin Ceja to the Planning Commission Youth Representative position. Councilor Irving seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Councilor Chesnut motioned to appoint Micaela Epifanio to the City Council Youth Representative position and make Charlene Home the alternate City Council Youth Representative and also appoint Charlene Home to the Library Board as well as the Budget Committee. Councilor Hopkins-Hubbard seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Manager Hall said she will make sure these students feel valued and appreciated, as all three were very impressive.

Councilor Chesnut said he appreciated the idea of finding the funds for all three students to receive a scholarship.

### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

Manager Hall reported on a change order for the south main construction project replacing an additional 1300 feet of curbing. The change order of \$43,000 was within Manager Hall's purchasing authority but she felt it was a substantial amount and keeping with complete transparency, she wanted to present it to the council in a public meeting. The additional amount will be cover by the funds of House Bill 2001.

Councilor Irving agreed that the additional curbing needed replaced. He asked if there would still be funding available to pave some of the un-improved streets.

Manager Hall said there would be.

### **COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilor Chesnut announced there was a Umatilla County Planning Commission meeting going on at the same time as the council meeting. The Planning Commission was going to have to make a decision on the application for a wind project from WKN Choppin, LLC. The project would be located southwest of Milton-Freewater. Councilor Chesnut said he submitted his testimony to the Commission as a member of the Blue Mountain Alliance.

Councilor Chesnut said he would like to send a letter of response to Bryan Wolfe, Chair of the Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council; letter dated September 6, 2011. Mr. Wolfe's letter was in response to a letter sent by the city council on June 14, 2011 regarding concerns of siting of renewable energy facilities in our area and the need to update standards. Councilor Chesnut said he has not had a chance to draft the letter but still intended to.

Once last announcement Councilor Chesnut had was that he was going to be entering into a vintage motorcycle race.

Councilor Hopkins-Hubbard said he spoke to the presenter of a work shop that Krysta Walker organized that was held last Saturday on the Constitution and Roberts Rules of Order. He said he

had some information via email regarding a cooperation agreement for cities when dealing with the Federal Government. He said he would pass this information onto Manager Hall. Councilor Humbert reported the Water Control District had completed the stilling basin project at the Nursery Bridge. They ended up re-facing the whole entire structure which was more repair work than originally anticipated.

Manager Hall thanked Councilor Humbert and Councilor Hopkins-Hubbard who also serve on the Milton-Freewater Water Control District for all their work and dedication to the levee project.

Councilor Humbert said the contractor did a great job.

The council meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m. to an executive session pursuant to 192.660(2)(j) to carry on negotiation under ORS Chapter 293 with private persons or businesses regarding proposed acquisition, exchange or liquidation of public investments.

Council returned to open session at 8:43 p.m.

At this time Councilor Humbert motioned to extend the Golf Course Restaurant lease agreement with Shelly's Last Shot for an additional year under the same terms and conditions with a letter following up on those terms of the contract lining out what the city council expects of the lessee, i/e courtesy and hours of service for the restaurant along with a progress report to the council on a quarterly basis. Councilor Chesnut seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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Lewis S. Key, Mayor